

Dispensary at Muthakunnam.

95. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN (*Kunnatnad cum Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any idea of shifting the dispensary at Muthakunnam in Parur taluk from its present site, to some other locality in the same pakuthy?

MR. S. JOHN: Yes. It is proposed to locate the dispensary in a more central place in the same pakuthy (Vadakkekara) in order to make it more useful to the public.

Establishment of a dispensary in Puthenkurisu.

96. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received any representation regarding the establishment of a dispensary in Puthenkurisu, in Kunnatnad taluk?

MR. S. JOHN: Yes.

Quinine.

97. *MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether they have made any arrangements for the supply of quinine to the private medical practitioners in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the arrangements made, and if not, why not?

MR. S. JOHN: (a) & (b) There is no special arrangement; but requests from Medical Practitioners for anti-malarial drugs are complied with when the stock in hand of the drugs permits.

Dispensaries opened in 1121.

98. *MR. P. O. THOMAS: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new dispensaries opened in 1121 in the State; and

(b) the amount spent by the Government for opening the same?

MR. S. JOHN (a) Five.

(b) The buildings and furniture for housing these dispensaries are provided by the public. The expenditure for running these dispensaries alone is met by the Government and this is estimated to be Rs. 25,000 for the current year.

Sale of Medicines.

99. *MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the average monthly income derived by the Medical Department from the sale of medicines to the patients;

(b) whether the Government have received any representation complaining about this system of selling medicines to the patients; and

(c) whether they have made any comparison between the time spent by the doctors in making enquiries and collecting the prices and for attending to the disease and giving the prescriptions?

MR. S. JOHN: (a) Medicines are not sold to patients but only a nominal fee is realised from well-to-do patients. The average monthly income derived from this source is Rs. 1,600 approximately.

(b) No.

(c) No.

Burial ground in the premises of the Kozhencherry Hospital.

100. * MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the need for constructing a wall around the burial ground in the premises of the Kozhencherry hospital has been brought to their notice?

MR. S. JOHN: Yes.

Supply of medicines to the dispensary at Ranni.

101. * MR. V. I. IDICULA: Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is true that the supply of medicines to the dispensary at Ranni is too insufficient to meet public demands?

MR. S. JOHN: No.

Primary schools surrendered to Government.

102. * MR. CHAZHIKATTU JOSEPH: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the number of primary schools each of the following denominations had in Thovala and Agasteeswaram taluks before the introduction of compulsory primary education in those taluks:—

(1) London Mission Society (2) Salvation Army (3) Roman Catholics; and

(b) the number of primary schools each of the above denominations has handed over to Government after the introduction of the compulsory primary education scheme?

MR. A. NARAYANAN TAMPI (Director of Public Instruction):
(a) L. M. S.—47, Salvation Army—6, Roman Catholic—27.

(b) L. M. S.—42, Salvation Army—6, Roman Catholic—nil.

The remaining 5 school buildings of the L. M. S. were not required by the department as they were too small for holding classes or were too near departmental schools. These 5 schools do not however function.

Commandeered cars.

103. * MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India or the Government of Madras or the Government of Cochin have commandeered cars belonging to private persons for their private use; and

(b) if the answer is in the negative, the circumstances that led the Travancore Government for commandeering cars if any?

MR. S. PARTHASARATHY AIYANGAR: (a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise.